

GOV. JEFF DAVIS CONDEMNED.

INVESTIGATION REPORT CHARGES MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE.

Arkansas Legislature Adopts the Majority Report and Orders It Printed—His Conduct in the Purchase of a Cavalry Farm Declared to Have Been Irregular.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 9.—After devoting several weeks to the taking of testimony and its consideration with reference to the charges against Gov. Jeff Davis by Attorney-General Murphy, three reports were submitted to the House of Representatives this forenoon. The majority report, signed by six members of the committee, Messrs. Funk, Holland, Weaver, Crutcher, Weaver and Fletcher, was against the Governor.

One of the minority reports, signed by Messrs. Whitley, Wofford and Stockard, exonerates the Governor from every charge. The third report, signed by Messrs. Ford and Rowland, simply submits the testimony without comment. The House, by a vote of 40 to 44, rejected the report exonerating the Governor, and by one majority adopted the majority report. The testimony was then ordered printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

The most serious reflection upon the Governor in the report is in relation to the attempted sale by Louis Altheimer of the farm owned by the State for a convict farm. Mr. Altheimer testified that his figures for the farm were at first \$92,500, which he reduced, at the request of the Governor, to \$87,500, and that the day the board held a meeting to consider this proposition he gave the Governor another proposition in writing to sell the farm for \$75,000.

The records fail to show that the Governor submitted this last proposition. Messrs. Crockett, Monroe, Murphy and Hill, who with the Governor composed the penitentiary board at the time, are a unit in their testimony that at the meeting in question the only bid for the sale of the farm placed before them was for \$87,500, and that the \$75,000 bid which Mr. Altheimer says he authorized the Governor to make was never presented.

The records of the board also show that the bid of Mr. Altheimer of \$87,500 and then moved its adoption. The Governor endeavored to induce Auditor T. C. Monroe to join him in the purchase of a convict farm, by an intimation that he would bring out opposition to Mr. Monroe in his candidacy for a second term of office unless he acceded to his wishes. It is declared that he executed to Mr. Monroe a written agreement to that effect.

The report also finds that the Governor used part of his contingent fund for private purposes and that the Governor accepted free transportation from railroad companies in violation of law.

It also finds that the Governor did not return to the State Treasurer that \$68 he collected twice to visit the university at Fayetteville. It also exonerates Gov. Davis and his colleagues on the penitentiary board from all charges and imputations contained in the Governor's message to the Legislature.

GEORGE J. GARRARD A SUICIDE.

A Stepson of Postmaster Van Cotte's Brother—Had Been Ill a Year.

George J. Garrard killed himself with a revolver yesterday morning at 208 West Thirty-ninth street, the home of his stepfather, Gabriel Van Cotte, who is a brother of the postmaster.

Garrard was 31 years old. He had been ill for a year, and despondency because of his illness was the cause of his suicide. Six months ago he went to West Baden, Ind., with his wife, hoping that the change would benefit him. They returned several weeks ago, and Mr. Garrard's condition grew steadily worse.

It was 2 o'clock in the morning when he shot himself. He asked his wife to go out to the room to get a glass of water, and then fired two shots into his head just as she closed the door.

Garrard was married on Sept. 14, 1892, to Miss Turner by the Rev. John H. Oertel of the Fourth German Reformed Church. They lived for several months in the wife's former apartment in a house at Broadway and West Thirty-ninth street and then went to the home of Mr. Van Cotte, where they had lived ever since. They had no children.

PICKPOCKETS AT THE CIRCUS.

Three Boys Arrested—One Boasts That He's a Professional Crook.

Three Central Office detectives saw a boy put his hand in the pocket of a man in the freak room at the circus last night. They nabbed the boy and took him into a side room. He pointed out two other boys, who, he said, were working with him, and they were arrested. The boys gave their names as Joseph, Robert, and John. They lived at 185 West Twenty-seventh street, and Edward Ross, 12, of 271 West Twenty-seventh street, advised them.

The boys boasted that they had served two terms in the Penitentiary and that he was accustomed to work with big crooks. The other boys boasted that they had served time for picking pockets and that they had been working in the Garden for several days.

AGAIN TRIES SUICIDE IN CELL.

Man Upon Whom \$25-Pound Hotelkeeper Set Bomb to Die.

Joseph Schlewack, a prisoner in the Queens County Jail in Long Island City, attempted suicide in his cell yesterday morning. This is his second attempt since he was arrested on Monday.

The cots in the cells are supported by chains fastened to the ceiling. The prisoner took a loop in the chain and pulled it down and threw all his weight upon the bed. A trusty named Miller thought he heard a peculiar noise in the cell and told Keeper Carver. The prisoner was nearly dead when rescued. Dr. Platt, the jail physician, restored him.

Schlewack was arrested in Carey's Hotel at Evergreen after having been set upon by two hours by the proprietor, who weighs 225 pounds.

SUICIDE OF R. F. SWIFT.

The President of a Manufacturing Company in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9.—Rowell P. Swift, president of the Cahill and Swift Manufacturing Company and only son of Col. William H. Swift, the wealthy contractor and well-known Democratic politician, shot himself in the head late this afternoon while sitting on the steps leading to Capt. Patrick J. Carmody's room over his apartment on Eighth street. Just before he pulled the trigger he drank the contents of a bottle labeled prussic acid.

Swift was 36 years old. No cause is known for his act.

Peter Reidel Kills Himself.

Peter Reidel, 36 years old, of 278 Avenue D, Bayonne, committed suicide at his home last night with carbolic acid. His wife says she cannot understand why he took his life.

Jury Finds Against Mrs. Harvey Powers.

The second trial of the divorce suit between Harry L. Powers, son of ex-Gov. Commissioner, and his wife, Mrs. Minnie Powers, resulted yesterday in a verdict for the husband, the jury finding that Mrs. Powers had been guilty of misconduct with her husband's brother, Jesse Powers, Jr.

HILARY BELL FALLS DEAD.

Drops on the Floor in the Barge Office While Examining a Sewerage Pipe.

Hilary Bell, dramatic critic of the New York Press and a portrait painter of no mean ability, died suddenly of heart disease in the Barge Office late yesterday afternoon. He had gone to Father Michael J. Henry of the Immigrant Mission of the Star of the Sea, at 7 State street, to get a servant girl.

While attending to the transportation of the girl's baggage Mr. Bell gasped and fell on the floor of the Barge Office, dying apparently without pain. A few hours before he died he had been in fine spirits. He had turned in his newspaper a column of criticism couched in lively vein.

He was born in Belfast in 1857 and educated by private tutors. He was successful in London as a portrait painter. After he came to New York he married Miss Rita Ireland. This was in 1888.

The best known of his portraits is that of Ada Rehan in the "Taming of the Shrew," which was presented to the Shakespeare Memorial at Stratford-on-Avon. He was for a time editor of the Home Journal of New York. Later he became the New York correspondent of the London Era. He was a director of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company.

It was said of Mr. Bell that he had "reduced his work to that he believed to be of exact science." He had few hours of leisure, and this, it is surmised, caused his death. He is survived by a widow, who, like himself, was a communicant of the church of the Heavenly Rest of which Dr. D. Parker Morgan is the rector.

DEVERY A PUBLIC CHARACTER.

Appellate Division 50 Holds in Affirming a Policeman's Conviction.

The conviction of William O'Connor, a policeman, who was tried for shooting Lorenzo D. Cummings, an eighty-year-old man, in February, 1901, has been affirmed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. On his trial Assistant District Attorney Train said that great efforts had been made to protect O'Connor by his fellow officers and in summing up said that the conduct of the police in the case of Cummings was "a disgrace." To this language O'Connor's counsel, Bartow S. Weeks, excepted. The Appellate Division says:

"Devery has a public character, and the press had given considerable attention to his methods while connected with the police force. The reference to him as a disgraceful police officer was a reflection on such conduct of the defendant and his brother officers and presents no error."

POLICEMAN BANKRUPT.

Owes \$1,241, of Which \$906 Is Money He Borrowed.

Byron C. Lewis of 408 West Forty-sixth street, a policeman, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities \$1,241 and no available assets. He has household furniture, pictures, uniforms valued at \$17, but they are exempt. The liabilities were contracted from May, 1903, to January, 1903, for borrowed money, merchandise and rent. The creditors are the Fidelity Loan Association, \$100, secured by a chattel mortgage on furniture; Leslie Mulford \$50, Henry Miller \$50, William Kilpatrick \$50, Max Bloomfield \$40, and Herman Green \$40. He also owes \$100 to G. H. Barklage Sons for coal, William J. Simpson \$15 for merchandise, George Schmidt \$35 for merchandise and Samuel Cohen \$10 for work and materials.

Lewis was appointed to the force on Feb. 12, 1897. He is a policeman in the Mercer street precinct.

DEVANEY TRIES TO GET BACK.

Commissioner Greene to Show Cause Why Trial Should Not Be Revived.

Supreme Court Justice Marvan in Brooklyn yesterday issued a writ of certiorari commanding Police Commissioner Francis V. Greene to show cause on April 20 why the proceedings in the trial of Capt. Michael Devaney should not be revived. Capt. Devaney alleges that his dismissal was illegal, as there was no evidence to support the charges; also that the trial was conducted with prejudice and bias and that instead of acting as a judge he was virtually a prosecutor. Capt. Devaney alleges further that he, Michael Devaney, was a member of the Police Association, and that he was promoted to the rank of a Republican could be promoted to the vacancy.

WESTERN SLEUTHS COST \$1,255.

Secretary Courney Explains His Bill for Three Days' Expenses.

William F. Courney, secretary to Police Commissioner Greene, explained yesterday to the Board of Police Commissioners his bill for \$1,255 for three days' expenses. He said that he had been called to the city by Commissioner Greene to investigate the case of a man named John Smith, who had been arrested on charges of burglary. He said that he had been in the city for three days, and that he had incurred expenses for travel, food, and lodging. He said that he had been in the city for three days, and that he had incurred expenses for travel, food, and lodging.

ONEILL SUMMONS DEVERY.

Cop Who Defied the Big Chief Will Get His Trial on Thursday.

At the regular police trials yesterday, one of the cases was that of ex-Police Officer Edward O'Neill, who defied Devery and was dismissed. The Legislature has passed a bill granting him a rehearing. H. De Forest Baldwin, his lawyer, asked for an adjournment yesterday and said that Deputy Commissioner Davis granted the request. The hearing will take place next Thursday and one of the witnesses will be Devery.

Tri-University Debate League Formed.

Representatives of Columbia, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania met in this city yesterday and formed an intercollegiate debating league with a regular season of debate between the three institutions. The agreement will probably go into effect next fall, provided Columbia is able to dispose of a tentative agreement with the University of Michigan in December.

Dependent Young Man Takes Poison.

SUPOLE, Va., April 9.—Edward Dunville, 25 years old, a bookkeeper, recently of Newburgh, N. Y., took laudanum early this morning, and was found at 7 o'clock for his cousin was not returned. He also brooded over the fact that he could get no life insurance. Dunville's uncle, a Dr. Dunville, at whose home he boarded, formerly lived in New York city.

Shot Himself by Central Park Lake.

William Schubert, a paper-hanger out of work, shot himself dead while standing on the shore of the Central Park lake opposite the Ramble yesterday afternoon. He lived with a Mrs. Gans at 9 Chrystie street and had a wife and two children in Germany.

Carrier Accused of Stealing From Letters.

John F. King of 14 West place, The Bronx, a letter carrier in Station T, at 14th street and Third avenue, was arrested last night by Post Office Inspectors Joseph E. Jacobs and W. T. Meyer on a charge of robbing the mails. He was trapped by a marked bill, the inspectors say.

Mumps Quarantine a Torpedo Boat.

NORFOLK, April 9.—With the virtual disappearance of diphtheria among the 1,500 naval recruits at the Norfolk Navy Yard, mumps has broken out, and the torpedo boat Whipple, upon which the disease is most prevalent, was today placed in strict quarantine.

NAY TO RETALIATION ON SOUTH.

UNION LEAGUE ALSO FAILS TO APPLAUD ROOSEVELT.

In His Negro Policy—Votes Against Restoration of Representation in Congress of Southern States That Suppress the Negro Vote—Vote 88 to 69.

A regular meeting of the Union League Club was held last night to consider the report of the Committee on Political Reform on two resolutions, one of which was offered by Gen. Edward C. O'Brien some time ago, and the other by Warner Miller. Both of the resolutions were in favor of restricting the representation in Congress of those States which have disfranchised the negroes and one of them approved the President's negro policy. The Committee on Political Reform reported a resolution embodying many of the points of both the resolutions, but it was voted down, 88 to 69.

Mr. O'Brien's resolution, which was acted on by the committee, was as follows: Resolved, That the Committee on Political Reform be and hereby is requested to investigate the number of representatives in each State where the franchise has been limited for any reason, in proportion to the number of voters so disfranchised and also to see that the Fifteenth Amendment is in no way violated either directly or indirectly.

Resolved, That we demand of Congress that it enforce the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution, first, by reducing the number of representatives in each State where the franchise has been limited for any reason, in proportion to the number of voters so disfranchised and also to see that the Fifteenth Amendment is in no way violated either directly or indirectly.

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John S. Wise and Warner Miller spoke in favor of the resolution. Mr. Wise said that the Southern Democracy had stolen the franchise of the people and that it was time to see to it that the Constitutional enactments are enforced. Mr. Miller spoke against the resolution. He said that it would be unfortunate for the club to go on record as endorsing a resolution because it would stir up unrest in the South.

Then the vote was taken and the resolution was defeated. In discussing the vote after the meeting one member said: "I don't think the vote at all represents the sentiment of the club and the members. The members are of the old-time spirit is declining. I fear there should have been more than one-half of the members of the club present at the meeting, and if they had been I am sure that the resolution offered by the committee would have been adopted."

BIG DAVE BERNSTEIN SHOT.

Bowery Hears That Monk Eastman, Who's Locked Up, Did It.

David Bernstein, part owner of a restaurant at 310 East Houston street, was found in the Bowery near Stanton street yesterday afternoon with a bullet wound near his heart. Bernstein, who is more than six feet tall and weighs 300 pounds, is known as "Big Dave."

Patrolman O'Sullivan of the Eldridge street station noticed Bernstein walking along the Bowery with his right hand in his coat pocket from which the butt of a pistol protruded.

O'Sullivan stopped the man and tried to grab the pistol. Then he says Bernstein tried to point the pistol at the policeman and was shot. Bernstein was taken to the hospital and is now in a critical condition.

One story of the shooting that went along the Bowery last night was that "Big Dave" had been shot by "Monk" Eastman, the leader of a gang of East Side toughs. It was said that Eastman and Bernstein had a row in a Bowery saloon and that the shooting followed.

Eastman was arrested about midnight and locked up at Police Headquarters. He was picked up on the Bowery by Detectives Gray, Kelly and Savage. The Headquarters police say that Eastman was arrested merely as a suspicious person and that another story was that Bernstein had been shot as a result of a Chinatown row earlier in the day.

THE BEALE HOMESTEAD.

Trustee Beale Transfers It to His Son, Walker Beale Beale.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Truxton Beale, formerly Minister to Persia, whose wife, now divorced, was Miss Harriet Beale, daughter of the late James G. Blaine, today transferred to his seven-year-old son, Walker Beale, the Beale homestead in this city. The house is one of the historic landmarks of the city. It is an old-fashioned square house, fronting on Lafayette Square and H Street. On H Street is a long, low addition, one story in height formerly slave quarters.

The house was one of the first built in that part of the city. It was erected in 1819 by Commodore Decatur, and was one of the noted houses of that time.

After the death of Commodore Decatur as the result of a duel with Capt. Barron, it was occupied by Fox, the British Minister, and later by Henry Clay while he was Secretary of State. In 1840 it was purchased by the Decatur heirs by Gen. Edward F. Beale, and after his death, some ten years ago, it went to his son, Truxton Beale.

Mr. and Mrs. Beale were divorced a few years ago. Mrs. Beale returned to her mother's house on K Street, taking her son with her.

Mr. Beale yesterday gave a luncheon in honor of his son's birthday. Several of the latter's friends, including other guests, and at the conclusion of the meal placed the deeds for the property in the hands of his heir.

DEAD IN GAS-FILLED ROOM.

Woman May Have Been Asphyxiated, Though Light Was Still Burning.

Mrs. Frank Scribner, 50 years old, a seamstress who lived in a little room on the top floor of a furnished-room house at 250 West Forty-third street, was found dead in bed last night. She had not been seen for two days, and early last evening the room was broken into. It was full of illuminating gas, but the single gas jet was burning.

DISEASED COWS KILLED.

They Were to Be Slaughtered in Williamsburg for Market.

Seventeen sick cows in a consignment of cattle sent from Newport, Herkimer county, this State, were traced Wednesday to the slaughter house of S. & E. Plaut at 558 Johnson avenue, Williamsburg, by W. J. Gill, Chief of the State Department of Agriculture. He ordered the killing of the animals at once. Three of the cows had tuberculosis, three pleuropneumonia and the rest had other diseases.

After the cows had been killed the Health Department of Brooklyn had the carcasses removed. A member of the firm told a Sun reporter last evening that the cows were purchased in a stockyard in Manhattan and sent by the purchaser to Plaut's place to be killed. The firm did not own the animals.

Navy Yard Notes.

The cruiser Buffalo sailed from the navy yard for the Mediterranean fleet yesterday. She carries supplies and ammunition.

Major Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, commanding the Department of the East, stationed on Governor's Island, paid an official visit to Rear Admiral Rodgers at the navy yard yesterday afternoon.

Civil Engineer Bellinger, who for some time has been in charge of the coaling of the navy yard, was ordered to report for duty at the New Orleans yard.

KING ALEXANDER'S COUP.

His Bodyguard Attacked a Hostile Crowd and Killed.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

VIENNA, April 9.—A letter from Belgrade says that after the crowd hurled portraits of the King and Queen in the streets on the occasion of the recent coup d'état by King Alexander a regiment that was ordered to charge the mob refused to do so.

The crowd marched toward the royal palace, and the King ordered his bodyguard to attack them, with the result that a number of the demonstrators were killed or wounded.

The King subsequently removed several military officers of high rank for failing to suppress the disorders. All the high judges, with the exception of the President of the Court of Cassation, have been deposed, and all newspapers opposing the coup d'état have been suppressed.

Among the new Senators is M. Radice, who presided at the trial of eighty Radicals in 1883, with the result that most of the accused were shot.

LONDON, April 10.—Beyond reports of further small conflicts between Turkish troops and insurgent bands in Macedonia and a few inconsequent trivialities, there is again complete absence of news concerning the Balkan situation. There is a similar dearth of news from the European capitals, and nothing whatever is known concerning what followed King Alexander's coup d'état.

CHINESE BUYING FIREARMS.

Protocol Restrictions as to Their Importation Expire in August.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PEKING, April 9.—It is reported that 6,000 rifles have been shipped from Shanghai, consigned to Yuan Shih Kai, the Viceroy of China, at Peking, and that the Chinese Government is planning to import a large number of rifles during the pilgrimage to the Western tombs.

Appropos of the suggestion by Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador at Washington, that the Powers cooperate to prevent the importation of arms into China, it is recalled that Russia was strenuous supporter of the clause in the protocol which forbids such importations.

Notwithstanding the protocol, clandestine importations have been most active, and it is said that in every case discovered the Germans have been concerned. German agents are active in many of the provinces. A well-known German firm has completely equipped a new arsenal at Fuchau within a year, with the knowledge, and presumably the approval, of Herr Knappe, the German Consul at Shanghai.

An important German firm at Hong Kong has 60,000 Mauser rifles that were imported prior to the Boxer troubles which will be ready for sale as soon as the prohibition is removed in August.

The effect of the prohibition has been to give great impetus to the home manufacture of arms.

MOORS KILLED IN A FIGHT.

Attack on Frangia Fortress Repulsed—Powder Magazine Explodes.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

MADRID, April 9.—A despatch from Madrid, Morocco, says the insurgents attacked the strong fortress of Frangia at 6 o'clock last night. Five thousand tribesmen, after the customary prayers, rushed down the valley, shouting furiously. The defenders of the fortress kept up a fusillade and succeeded in repulsing their assaults, and although the latter had been reinforced, they were compelled to retreat.

The rebels had two cannons loaded with ammunition, but as the moment the retreat started the supply of powder on the Benicar heights exploded, killing many of them. The rebels left many dead on the field.

GREECE TO BE NEUTRAL.

Or Aid Turkey in the Balkans, if a Secret Convention Is Adopted.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, April 9.—A despatch to the Temps from Constantinople says that Greece will not aid Turkey in the Balkans, if a secret convention is adopted, under certain conditions, undertakes to maintain neutrality in the event of a war in the Balkans and under other conditions to assist Turkey. The latter country reciprocates by withdrawing further opposition to the annexation of the Island of Crete by Greece.

DISAPPROVES LEE FINDING.

Gen. Davis Does Not Think Lieutenant Deserves Honorable Discharge.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

MADRID, April 9.—Major Gen. Davis has disapproved the findings of the court-martial which recently acquitted Lieut. Joel R. Lee of the Tenth Infantry of the charge of manslaughter in connection with the killing of two prisoners of war on the island of Mindanao. Gen. Davis does not think that Lieut. Lee deserves honorable acquittal.

ROME STRIKE A FAILURE.

Shops Open—Many Foreign Visitors Leave the City.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

ROME, April 9.—The general strike continues, but all the shops are open. It is considered that the strike is a complete failure.

Since the outbreak of the strike about 400 persons have been arrested and locked up in the Monte Mario fort. Troops are still coming into the city from other places. Many foreign visitors are leaving daily.

PLAY AT OBERAMMERGAU.

"Kreuzschule" to Be Performed During Summer of 1905.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

BERLIN, April 9.—The Village Council of Oberammergau has decided to produce in the summer of 1905 the drama called "Kreuzschule," which is a sort of pendant to the famous Oberammergau pageant.

Nearly all the performers in the new play will participate. The "Kreuzschule" has not been performed since 1875.

Rothschilde Not Posing Russian Loan.

St. Petersburg Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.—The report that the Rothschild family, by request of M. Witte, the Minister of Finance, the Rothschild family were preparing to float a new Russian loan is authoritatively denied.

Sir Evelyn Wood a Field-Marshal.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 9.—Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood has been promoted to the rank of Field-Marshal.

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DUTCH STRIKE NEAR ITS END

THE POPULACE ALLIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

Foreign Shipping Trade Almost Stopped—Anti-Strike Bill Passed by Big Vote—Train Service Still Limited and Gas Works Running Short-Handed.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

AMSTERDAM, April 9.—Everything indicates an early and inglorious end of the strike. Nearly everywhere the populace is allied with the Government and is making the best of the inconveniences caused by the strikers.

The train service is still very limited. It is good time is made on the reduced schedule. The foreign shipping trade here and at Rotterdam is almost stopped.

The gas works are running short-handed, but sufficient gas is being made to illuminate the streets. Householders are largely using candles and oil. The theatres and cafes are deserted.

The Government is generally praised for its far-seeing preparations. But for these preparations and the employers' lockout, which was a measure of reprisal, it is believed that anarchy would have prevailed, and that the spectre of German intervention would have taken some sort of tangible shape.

THE HAGUE, April 9.—The Second Chamber of the States General passed the Anti-Strike bill today by a vote of 81 to 14, the minority being Socialists and Liberal Democrats. Subsequently the Chamber, by a vote of 85 to 4, authorized the formation of a military brigade to work the railways during the strike, after which it adjourned sine die.